

Peace Chief Lays Firing To Dominican Rebels

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The Brazilian general in charge of the Inter-American Peace Force in the Dominican Republic charged today that rebel forces under Col. Francisco Caamano Deno were in "flagrant violation" of the cease-fire in Santo Domingo.

Gen. Hugo Panasco Alvim, in a preliminary report to the Organization of American States on the fighting yesterday in the Dominican capital, said "indiscriminate firing . . . always originates from the Caamano zone" against the troops under his command that divide the rebels and the junta forces.

He asked the OAS three-man committee charged with the task of resolving the country's internal dispute "to bring an immediate end" to the attacks.

United States officials, meanwhile, were attributing the new shooting incidents to the growing strength of the Communist 14th of June Movement in the Caamano-held zone of Santo Domingo.

More Clashes Feared

Yesterday's battle between rebel forces and the largely American troops of the peace force had been expected, Washington sources said, and it is feared the clash will not be an isolated incident.

Informed sources said they believe the shooting was brought about by increasing divisions among the groups under the ostensible control of Caamano.

The view in Washington today is that the 14th of June group of hard-line, Havana-influenced Communists is gradually gaining control in the rebel enclave.

Officials pointed out that the speeches in the Parque Independencia Monday celebrating the

June 14 national holiday were made by known members of the Communist MPD and 14th of June parties. The speeches were of "foreigners" in the Dominican Republic.

Attitude Changed

Last month in the same park, rebels who tried to make anti-American speeches were shouted down and even pulled away from the platform by other Caamano partisans.

In his report to the OAS on yesterday's battle, Alvim said fighting began when his troops were attacked at 8:10 a.m.

"The IAPF did not return the fire for 20 to 25 minutes, but after this period my troops returned fire in order to defend themselves after we had sustained wounded.

"The brigade commander observing the Caamano troops reported that the attacking troops were trying to maneuver and capture positions in the security zone. We denied them this objective.

"All this occurred until 11:30 a.m. at which time events were calm once again. At 12:25 p.m. the Inter-American troops located near the Hotel Jaragua were violently attacked and were compelled to return fire.

Arson Reported

"We have information that armed civilians in the Caamano zone were putting fire to warehouses on the waterfront."

The U.S. has identified dozens of members of three Communist parties as having joined the rebellion presumably with the intention of taking it over. Caamano is not regarded as a Communist.